

IDOE and ICHE Partnership for Postsecondary Success

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) and the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (ICHE) have partnered to ensure all Indiana students are ready for any pursuit they choose after high school – higher education, an apprenticeship, or a career. This partnership encompasses a number of college and career ready initiatives, including the following:

- Supporting students, educators, and parents as they successfully transition from current Indiana Academic Standards to more focused and in-depth Indiana Common Core Standards (INCC) that are aligned to a variety of postsecondary expectations
- Developing technology enhanced statewide assessments, such as the ones under development by the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Consortium, aligned to INCC
- Empowering a 24-member educator group of K-12 and higher education practitioners to share the most up-to-date information about the new PARCC assessments to all corners of the state
- Building courses to seamlessly and successfully transition high school seniors from secondary to postsecondary classrooms
- Ensuring students who chose postsecondary education are sufficiently prepared with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in initial, credit bearing courses

Clarification on College and Career Readiness Initiatives

Indiana's Common Core Standards (INCC)	In 2010, Indiana adopted the Common Core State Standards (which became known as Indiana's Common Core Standards) for K-12 standards in English/Language Arts (E/LA) and mathematics. How to transition from the Indiana Academic Standards to INCC is a matter of local control, but IDOE has recommended districts and schools begin transitioning kindergarten students during the 2011-2012 school year and K-1 during the 2012-2013 school year. Students in all grades must receive instruction aligned to INCC in E/LA and math during the 2014-2015 school year. Guidance for this transition is provided by IDOE.
The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Consortium	Following the adoption of INCC, work began in several states to develop K-12 assessments related to the rigorous expectations of the new standards. Indiana joined PARCC and has been working with other states to develop and deliver new assessments starting in 2014-2015. The skills tested by the new assessments will align with college and workforce expectations. IDOE and ICHE both participate in PARCC activities and decision making.
Indiana's PARCC Educator Leadership Cadre	This 24-member team of K-12 and postsecondary educators communicates key messages and shares materials about INCC and PARCC with the field and provides feedback on how work is unfolding and supports are being used. The team will advise the state on implementation plans and how best to communicate information as it facilitates the development of new engagement and communication materials. Finally, the team will increase knowledge among educators statewide. IDOE has primary responsibility for this team.
Core to College Grant	In 2011, Indiana was one of 10 states selected to receive this grant. The grant aims to foster greater collaboration between higher education and the K-12 sectors in the implementation of INCC to ensure Hoosier students are prepared to succeed in college level coursework. ICHE is responsible for the administration and outcomes of this grant program.
Core to College Local Level Leadership Cadre	The Core to College local level leadership cadre consists of three regional collaborative partnerships and is designed to promote greater alignment between K-12 and the higher education sector to ensure clarity in expectations for college readiness and success.